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FLIGHT TESTING OF TEJAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Final Operational Clearance of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has been inordinately delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to complete the project at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Taking into account certain changes in the objectives proposed by Indian Air Force (IAF), the second quarterly review held in March 2007 by the Empowered Committee chaired by Chief of Air Staff (CAS) have recommended the date for Final Operational Clearance (FOC) as December 2012.

(c): To complete the project in time, a high level review is being conducted by the Chief of Air Staff (CAS) once in every quarter and by the Deputy Chief of Air Staff (DCAS) once in every month.